

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes for August 3, 2016

Chief's Officers' Meeting

Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Courier News and Echoes Sentinel as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Present: Fire Chief Mark Russo, Linda Palumbo

Mt. Bethel Fire Co.

D. Reedman

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.

absent

Community Fire Co.

R. Jardine

Washington Valley Fire Co.

C. Boschen

Fire Police

Capt. K. Phillips

Police Dept.

J. Casorio

Liaison

T. Byrne

Police Report: nothing to report; J. Casorio will check w J. Cohen if they are handing out the false alarm sheet. If you receive a call for Liberty Corner Road please dispatch both firehouses, Warren Fire Dept & Bernards Fire Dept.

Administrative Items

- Each Assistant Chief received a copy of vehicle report (see attached)
- Would appreciate it if DPW fire truck checks were more thorough

Old Business

- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual)
K. Phillips & Chief Russo will discuss the vests
- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be faxed to 908-226-5629 (Township Administrator's fax machine) upon completion.
- All the AED's were just inspected by Lifesavers, Inc. & they will send us the list of batteries that are needed. Don't turn AED on, just check for green light
- M. LoSapio has the Incentive/Comp notes and will present at next department meeting
- Washington Valley has a gear dryer they want to give away. Union Fire Dept would like to take the gear dryer & paperwork was started. FD would like to get a gear washer & applied for a grant.
- SCBA are approx. 6-7 yrs old. Ask members if they want to be on a SCBA research committee. V. Abate volunteered
- New cell phone app to receive fire calls. M. LoSapio turned off the old app.
- All the firehouses submitted their equipment request list, J. Mitchell compiled & is getting quotes from vendors

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- Union County Fire Academy is offering ICS 400 class on Sept 10 & an informational email will be sent
- Morris County is offering a foam class on Sept 10
- Received the Pumps, Ladders, Aerial & Hose testing reports and each firehouse received a copy of their Fail Safe reports. Linda will request a flash drive for the report.

Drills/Training

- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- The following is the 2016 Training Schedule:
 - August- A. Fitch & D. Reedman wild land fire drill, Chief is requesting a written lesson plan 2 weeks prior to the drill and if Chief doesn't receive a lesson plan the department drill will be cancelled
 - September-Warren County Live Burn- A. Fitch
 - October- Engineered Lumber & Building Construction
 - November
 - December
- CEVO class needs to be scheduled this year. Give T. Byrne a date & place and he will help set up 7-9:30pm
- The Stirling FD to train in several houses that they have acquired and will be demolishing. Date TBA
- CPR might be held again in 2016, ask your members to see they need this class
- Mayday training in the future
- Also communication between the departments needs to improve

Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Mt Bethel's engine got pushed back since a mechanic was injured, Aug 15th is the time frame
- Kubota went out for repair since it was stuck in gear
- The Washington Valley ladder truck is leaking oil; D. Buro knows about the shocks on the truck

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Fire Prevention

- Visits to the 4 elementary schools is scheduled on October 13. If anyone is interested in volunteering please let Chief Russo know. We have all the giveaways ready.

Fire Police

- Need to dispose of old truck, radios need to be taken out.

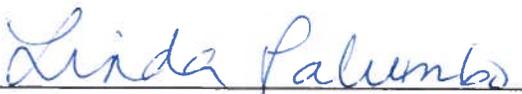
Radios/Communications

- Chief Russo is still working with a company to survey radio repeater equipment

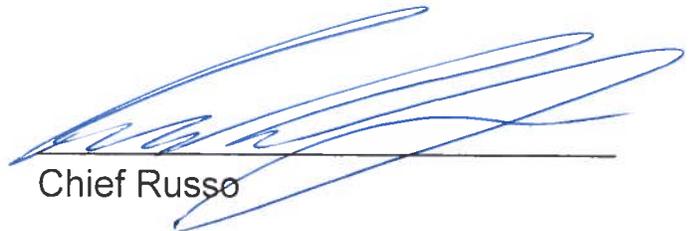
Open Discussion

- Time & neglect is catching up to the radio frequency
- Car show is September 11 so please choose 1-2 members from each fire house to sit at the front table
- K. Phillips will talk to D. Buro to make sure the employee parking lot is empty prior to the car show
- Talking about the Fire Dept outside of the department is frowned upon

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo